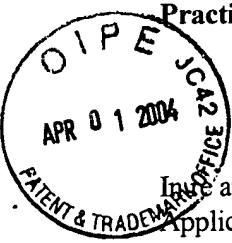


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: M. Kawaguchi Confirmation 6371
 Application No.: 09/470,615 Group: 1763
 Filed: December 22, 1999 Examiner: Bueker, Richard R.

For: MECHANISM AND METHOD FOR SUPPORTING SUBSTRATE TO BE COATED WITH FILM

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is a Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment for this application.

STATUS

2.

- [] a small entity. A statement:
- [] is attached.
- [] was already filed.
- [X] other than a small entity.

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3.

EXTENSION OF TERM

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NOTE: See 37 C.F.R. § 1.645 for extensions of time in interference proceedings, and 37 C.F.R. § 1.550(c) for extensions of time in reexamination proceedings.

4. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

(a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136
(fees: 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) for the total number of months checked below:

	Extension (months)	Fee for other than <u>small entity</u>	Fee for <u>small entity</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	two months	\$ 420.00	\$ 210.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	three months	\$ 950.00	\$ 475.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	four months	\$ 1,480.00	\$ 740.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

An extension for _____ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor of
\$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now
requested.

Extension fee due with this request **\$ 110.00**

OR

(b) Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

[Col. 1]	[Col. 2]	[Col. 3] Small Entity	Other Than a Small Entity
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Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	Minus	=	x \$ 9 =	\$	x \$ 18 =	\$0.00
Indep.	Minus	=	x \$43 =	\$	x \$ 86 =	\$0.00
[] First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim				+\$145 =	+\$290 =	
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- * If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "O" in Col. 3,
- ** If the "Highest No. Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20".
- *** If the "Highest No. Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, enter "3".

The "Highest No. Previously Paid For" (Total or Indep.) is the highest number found in the appropriate box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

WARNING: *"After final rejection or action (§ 1.113) amendments may be made canceling claims or complying with any requirement of form which has been made." 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(a) (emphasis added).*

(complete (c) or (d), as applicable)

(c) No additional fee for claims is required.

OR

(d) Total additional fee for claims required

FEE PAYMENT

6. Attached is a check in the sum of \$ 110.00
 Charge Account No. 04-1105 the sum of \$

FEE DEFICIENCY

NOTE: If there is a fee deficiency and there is no authorization to charge an account, additional fees are necessary to cover the additional time consumed in making up the original deficiency. If the maximum, six-month period has expired before the deficiency is noted and corrected, the application is held abandoned. In those instances where authorization to charge is included, processing delays are encountered in returning the papers to the PTO Finance Branch in order to apply these charges prior to action on the cases. Authorization to charge the deposit account for any fee deficiency should be checked. See the Notice of April 7, 1986, (1065 O.G. 31-33).

7. If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. 04-1105.

AND/OR

If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Account No. 04-1105.



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By: Helen Murray Tarbi
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Sir:

The following is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed February 5, 2004, in the above referenced application.

Applicant believes that no extension of time is required since this response is being filed before the expiration of the specified one (1) month time period. Applicant, however, conditionally petitions for an extension of time to provide for the possibility that such a petition has been inadvertently overlooked and is required. As provided below charge Deposit Account No. **04-1105** for any required fee.

Applicant: M. Kawaguchi

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE

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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.